

**CONFERENCE CALL MEETING MINUTES
Board of Mental Health Practice**

January 31, 2020

1. ROLL CALL

The conference call meeting of the Board of Mental Health Practice was called to order by the Chair, Dale Battleson, at 2:06 p.m. at the Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. Copies of the agenda were e-mailed to the Board members and other interested parties in accordance with the Open Meetings Law.

The following members answered Roll Call:

Members Present (7):

Dale Battleson, Chair
Laurie Andrews, Member
Cassandra Dittmer, Member
L. Janeen Gill, Secretary
Thomas Maxson, Member
Terrance Moore, Member
Susan Reay, Member

Members Absent (2):

Sarita Ruma, Member
David Hof, Vice Chair

Others Present:

Kris Chiles, Program Manager, Licensure Unit
Heidi Weiland, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit

A quorum was present and the meeting convened.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Gill moved, seconded by Andrews, to adopt the agenda. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Battleson, Andrews, Dittmer, Gill, Moore, Reay (6). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Ruma, Hof, Maxson (3). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

2:11 p.m. Maxson entered the conference call

3. Regulations: 172 NAC 94 Review Public Hearing Comments (12.12.19) and Board Recommendations and Approval

Members reviewed hearing comments 16-28 and provided responses (comments 1-15 were reviewed at the 1.10.2020 meeting). The responses will be captured on the Hearing Summary Form which will be reviewed by DHHS Legal and forwarded as part of the regulation packet to the Board of Health, Attorney General, and Governor. Board supported revisions and approved to move forward.

4. Discussion relating to the Public Hearing on the Art Therapy Proposal (Hearing date 2.4.2020)

The Board briefly discussed the Art Therapy Proposal. The intent is to provide for an additional certification as an Art Therapist, in the same manner as certifications for master social workers, marriage and family therapists, and professional counselors. To obtain the certification, the individual must hold either a mental health practice license and/or independent mental health practice license. Additional information can be viewed on the website at: <http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Credentialing-Review-Art-Therapy.aspx>

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, Battleson declared the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

L. Janeen Gill, Secretary
Board of Mental Health Practice

Summarized by: Heidi Weiand, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit